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The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger United States House of Representatives 375 West Padonia Road Suite 200 Timonium MD 21093

Dear Congressman Ruppersberger:

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) is pleased to announce additional opportunities for public involvement in the Red Line project at Community Open Houses scheduled for May 2011. We encourage you and your constituents to attend.

The meeting locations and dates are as follows:

Saturday, May 7th
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Edmondson-Westside High School Cafeteria
501 Athol Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21229

Wednesday, May 11th 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Woodlawn High School - Cafeteria 1801 Woodlawn Drive Baltimore, MD 21207 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Hampstead Hill Academy
500 S Linwood Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21224

Tuesday, May 17th
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
University of Maryland, SMC Campus
Center – Ballrooms A&B
621 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

The Open Houses are designed to provide an overview of the project and update the public on the status of the federal process, as well as the Station Area Advisory Committees' (SAAC) activities. There are 17 SAACs meeting regularly. SAAC volunteer members represent community organizations, residents, businesses and institutions. They are collaborating with designers, planners, architects and land-use experts to bring local insights into the design and planning of 20 proposed Red Line station areas. Livability, sustainability, and affordable housing are among the many considerations being discussed to ensure the stations and the areas

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surrounding them enhance communities and provide a safe environment for both residents and future riders.

Information boards, with staff available to answer questions, will be set up throughout the meeting space to provide citizens with information. Citizens will also have an opportunity to review new project information, receive answers to questions, and express concerns to MTA representatives.

Open house goals include:

- Update the public on the status of the project
- Present the vision plans and initial station locations to the public for each SAAC
- Involve SAAC members in communication with the community
- Generate public dialogue
- Obtain public comments

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Lorenzo Bryant, MTA Red Line Project Manager, at 410-767-3754 or lbryant@mta.maryland.gov. You may also contact me directly at 410-767-3943 or rwells@mta.maryland.gov. Thank you for your interest in the Red Line project, and your continued support of public transportation.

Sincerely,

cc:

Ralign T. Wells Administrator

Mr. Lorenzo Bryant, Red Line Project Manager, MTA